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HONGKONG DISPENSARY. 23

## DEATH.

On the evening of Sunday, the 14th instant, Mr. JOHN ALLEN, late 3rd Engineer of the steamer *Andromeda*, died at his residence, 10, Queen's Road, at 7:30 a.m. to-day. Friends are invited to attend.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 16TH, 1924.

Dr. DUDGON, of Peking, has recently published his report on the Peking Hospital for the last three years. It is a most interesting matter, not only on medical topics, but relating also to the intercourse of foreigners with the Chinese and the social amenities of the Capital. The information, it is true, is somewhat conveyed in a rather remarkable style. Speaking of a well-known patient "who has passed away" and who was supposed to be strongly anti-foreign, the doctor says: "But, as is often the case in such families, the sons and sons-in-law have been among my warmest friends. This is most natural, seeing they have absolutely nothing to do but attend the theatre." Why having absolutely nothing to do but attend the theatre should lead to a warm friendship with any one, and with Dr. Dudgion in particular, does not appear very clearly; but as the doctor goes on to say "It is easy to see how such fall prey to victims to opium from their own," it may perhaps be inferred that he came to him as a patient suffering from the effects of opium. A proper opponent of the use of the drug, informs us that he is going to publish a work on the subject, and does not deal with it at any length in the report now before us, which refers to medical work generally. It is extremely pleasant to observe how the practice of the healing art opens a door to the affection and friendship of the Chinese. Dr. Dudgion gives many instances of gratitude, and of friendship formed amongst both the rich and poor. Many years will have to pass, however, before the Chinese generally will be prepared to receive foreigners cordially and without suspicion, although it would seem that custom has as much to do with the aversion and hostility they display as individual feeling. Dr. Dudgion mentions the case of a high mandarin whose family he had attended. For many years he says he was never privileged to enter the house by day, and on one occasion many years ago it was even proposed to knock a door through an adjoining property in order to gain admission to attend the daughter. Before the father's death he was sometimes stealthily admitted at night and taken to the back premises by a circuitous route in order to visit the dying daughter. Dr. Dudgion goes on to say—

"I mention these circumstances to show how difficult, how arduous, and how important it is, to secure a friendly footing with the higher Chinese. That they refuse to receive foreigners, and even a physician, by day and by the great door, is not owing to their unwillingness to meet us and hold intercourse, but simply through fear of being accused as intimate with foreigners. This had much to do with the deposition from office of H. E. Lumsden, who was supposed to be too friendly with the foreign Ministers at the Yamen. The social barriers are almost insurmountable, and it is now only for the first time after twenty years' diplomatic intercourse that the Chinese Ministers seem disposed to enter upon social intercourse. Such social gathering would do more for both parties than all diplomatic and formal interviews." To give an idea of the suspicion and hatred to be overcome, however, we may cite the following passage:—"In visiting lately an old literary, an inveterate opium smoker of thirty years' standing, in company with his foreign employer, and in presence of his son-in-law, just in time to see him draw his last breath, and the story was circulated that at the moment of death I had taken out my eyes. During the late French difficulties with China, a dirty, yellow, little, nameless, badly-written sheet was placarded in one or two places in this city, certifying that I had killed three children and removed their eyes and hearts. Similar stories were got up at Tientsin, Soochow, and elsewhere among the hospitals." Such slanderous attacks on these things, we fear, be looked for by doctors laboring amongst the Chinese, but the beneficent influence of self-sacrificing, intelligent labour will in the long run overcome ignorance and prejudice, though as Dr. Dudgion says, "it requires great tact, liberality, and charity, and a boundless loving disposition," to maintain intimate social relations with the better class of Chinese families. Dr. Dudgion appears to have been extremely successful in doing this. In a paragraph headed "Deaths of distinguished patients," we find mention of the names, amongst others, of Tzeno, younger brother to the present Chinese Minister to London and St. Petersburg, and of the son of a former Governor-General of the province. We also find it stated that a previous Governor of various provinces, who became Viceroy of Chihli, and afterwards Foreign Office Minister, was known as a strongly anti-foreign, but "became one of our sincerest friends, and since his sudden death, now many years ago, from asthma, the family, in all its members and branches, has continued to keep up the most intimate intercourse." We also read that the only

son of a retired Minister of the Tung-chi Yamen and President of a Board (the father was His Excellency Tzeno), amidst the leisure of his official duties, is now practicing medicine, pretty much after the Western mode, having, possessed himself of all the Mission's prepared books on medical and other science, and bought a pocket case of instruments and vaccine lancets. Such instances as this are extremely encouraging. The ordinary work of a Mission hospital of course lies for the most part amongst the poor and destitute, but a connection with the better class families is valuable on account of the favourable influence such families may exercise on their friends and dependents, thus preparing the way for the more extensive practice of Western medicine and surgery amongst the people at large. A very curious glimpse through Dr. Dudgion's report will suffice to give some idea of the amount of misery and suffering alleviated by such a hospital as that at Peking, whose average annual attendance ranges about twenty thousand.

The delivery of the French mail was begun at 3:40 yesterday afternoon. The British steamer *Japan* and H.M.S. *Swift* went over to the Hongkong dock yesterday. The German steamer *Signal* leaves that dock to-day, and the British steamer *Japan* goes over to the Comopolitan dock.

Reference to the telegram brought on by the French mail from Colombo will show that Mr. Thomas Sutherland, Managing Director of the C. & S. N. Company, has been elected member of Parliament for Greenock.

When the M. S. steamer *Frederick* arrived at Saigon on the 5th instant from Hongkong one of the Arab firemen was suffering from small-pox. In consequence of this the passengers for Saigon were quarantined for three days before they were allowed to land.

The court-martial appointed to try Lieutenant George P. S. S. Foster, of H. M. S. *Essex*, Brigadier-General, for striking his commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Charles E. Remie, has concluded its sittings, with the result that the prisoner is acquitted, and that Colonel Remie has been disgraced of his command.

We hear that a race is likely to come off shortly between the cutter and the motor launch belonging to the *Victor* which will see the motor launch of war outers at the Regatta on Saturday. It will probably be a three-mile race. The race for naval gulls on Saturday was won by applying an iron. The *Victor* beat the *Victor* by a margin of 100 yards.

Subscribers are reminded that the performance of "Still Waters Run Deep" by the Amateur Dramatic Company will take place at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening. Those subscribers who have not yet obtained their tickets can do so by applying to the Hon. Secretary of the Club, but the choice of places is now strictly limited, nearly all the seats having been taken.

Truth says—Now that the truth about the Admiralty is pretty well admitted, have the Admiralty no intention of finding a substitute to take the place of this ship on the China station? It is well known that the *Victor* is a very strong vessel, and that the French Government has promised the blockade of Formosa and other islands in the Pacific. The French Government has promised the blockade of Formosa and other islands in the Pacific.

The fastest voyage round the world ever made by any sailing ship was accomplished by the American ship *South American*, 1,700 tons register, which arrived at San Francisco on October 13th, 1892, after a voyage of 226 days. On November 15th, 1893, for Liverpool, making the passage in the remarkably fast time of 100 days. From Liverpool she proceeded to Cardiff, and landed a cargo of coal for Hongkong, at which place she arrived on November 15th, 1893, after a voyage of 38 days. From Hongkong to San Francisco the voyage was made in 41 days, thus making the voyage round the world in 320 days.

With reference to the little unpleasantness which occurred on Friday afternoon between the crew of the *Victor* and the crew of the *South American*, it is to be noted that the *Victor* is a very strong vessel, and that the French Government has promised the blockade of Formosa and other islands in the Pacific. The French Government has promised the blockade of Formosa and other islands in the Pacific.

Owing to yesterday being the day before the departure of the mail, the four-armed row for the cup given by officers of H.M.S. *Andromeda* did not take place as was intended, but will be pulled off this afternoon at 4:30. The race is for all men who have won prize, the rowing was very close, but the *Andromeda* crew were very strong, and they were just enough men to make up four crews. It was at first intended to arrange the crews by lottery, but on further consideration it was decided to make some selection. Thus four crews were selected, and the rowing was very close, but the *Andromeda* crew were very strong, and they were just enough men to make up four crews.

The following items are from the *London and China Express* of the 7th ultimo:—  
A "good service" pension has been conferred on Captain W. H. Cumming, Commandant at Hongkong.  
The French Mint has issued three million francs worth of half dollars for circulation in French Cochinchina and Tonquin.  
Several more liquidations in the produce markets have taken place privately, none of them brought under the Bankruptcy Act.

The promotions in consequence of the operations on the Min have been signed by the French President. Captains Zaun, Virelli, and Galsch have been named Commanders of the Legion of Honour.

In the House of Commons notice has been given by Sir D. Currie that, at the earliest opportunity after the passing of the Franchise Bill, he should call attention to the state of the navy and the condition of our Eastern coaling and naval stations, and move a resolution.

On the 2nd inst. the former Chinese Minister at Berlin had his farewell audience of the Emperor, while the new Minister, H. E. Sir Shun-Ting-Chen, was received immediately after. The two Ministers appeared in full dress, and were accompanied by their interpreters, Dr. Kreyer, H. E. Li Tsung-shan, and a Minister of the Foreign Office.

While the steamer *Clymore* was on passage from New York to Antwerp the mess-room steward, a Chinaman, became deranged, and after acquiring his clothes with petroleum oil and fire, he rushed into the mess-room and set fire to the same. The Chinaman rushed at him with a knife and stabbed him in the shoulder. The inmate then jumped overboard, and was drowned.

Baron von Schober, recently European Secretary of the Japanese Legation at Vienna, has been transferred to the same post at Rome.

Sir Joseph P. Macdonald, a member of the House of Commons, has been elected to the House of Commons, but it is improbable that it will be taken during an autumn session.

Colonel Gikenelli, who has been appointed to the command of the First Infantry Brigade in Tonquin, vacant by the promotion of General Brindley to the command of the Expeditionary Corps, is a passenger outwards by the present mail.

H. E. Mr. Kawano, the new Minister from Japan to the Court of St. James, has arrived at Marseilles, and is expected to reach London in the course of a few days. It is expected that Mr. Ohshima, who has been Chargé d'Affaires, will remain for some time longer in London.

No appointment to the post of Consul-General for France at Shanghai has yet been made, in succession to M. Lemaire. The post was offered to M. Kretzer, the Consul-General at Calcutta, but he has declined it. The post is now in the hands of an old resident of Shanghai, who is now in Paris, has also been mentioned.

The Council-General of the Seine, after unanimously recording their appreciation of the gallant and patriotic conduct of the troops in Tonquin, passed by 33 votes to 5, in favour of the opposition of the Prefect of the Seine, a motion condemning expeditions to remote countries which compromised the public peace and disorganised the military forces, and expressing the hope that Parliament would quickly put a stop to colonial adventures.

In the Bankruptcy Court in the case of Mackintosh, Beachamp and Co., merchants of London and Shanghai, the debtors applied to pass their examination upon a statement of affairs which set forth an indebtedness of £224,058, with assets of £24,042. It appeared that the creditors had agreed to a scheme of arrangement, by which family claims of about £25,000 were withdrawn. There was no opposition to the debtors passed their examination.

The President of the French Republic, on the recommendation of the Minister of Marine and the Colonies, appointed Rear-Admiral de la Roche to the command of the French fleet in the Pacific. The Rear-Admiral is a distinguished officer, and has been in the service of the French Navy for many years.

On the 3rd inst. a dinner was given at the Japanese Legation in London by Mr. Ohshima, the Chargé d'Affaires, to celebrate the birthday of his Majesty the Mikado. Among the guests were the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and other representatives of the Diplomatic Corps. A reception of Japanese was afterwards held, about forty gentlemen being present. Simple festivities took place at the other Legations in Europe.

Captain John Graham Job Hamner, R.N., has been selected for the command of the *Victor*, the French battleship, which is to be sent to the Pacific. Captain Hamner was a distinguished officer, and has been in the service of the French Navy for many years.

As far as we can learn from French Government sources, the fleet which is to be sent to the Pacific will consist of the *Victor*, the French battleship, and the *Andromeda*, the French cruiser. The fleet is to be sent to the Pacific to maintain the French position in the Pacific, and to protect the French interests in the Pacific.

In the House of Commons on the 6th inst. Mr. C. M. Allen asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, whether the French Government recognised the existence of a state of war between France and China, and if so, whether the duties of neutrality would be strictly observed towards both belligerents, including the closure of British ports and coaling stations in the Eastern seas to their respective transports and men-of-war. Lord E. Fitzmaurice said: "It is not in my power to make at present any addition to my statement of the 1st inst. I am sorry to say that the communication, which I informed the House had been addressed to the French Government, was only received yesterday, and is being considered. Meanwhile the question of the closure of British ports and coaling stations in the Eastern seas to their respective transports and men-of-war is being considered."

No steps have yet been taken by Her Majesty's Government with regard to the neutrality of Hongkong and Singapore. The matter is at the present time subject of correspondence between the British and French Governments. The latter Government naturally desirous of having the neutrality postponed, until circumstances force it to be declared, and in the meantime they are desirous of keeping up what is termed a "neutral" position. It is not clear, however, whether the French Government is really desirous of keeping up a "neutral" position, or whether they are simply desirous of keeping up a "neutral" position.

In the House of Commons on the 8th inst. Sir J. Hay asked the Civil Lord of the Admiralty whether the Admiralty had any information as to the whereabouts of the Japanese ship *Yamaguchi*, which was reported to have been sighted in the Pacific. The Civil Lord said: "I have no information as to the whereabouts of the Japanese ship *Yamaguchi*, which was reported to have been sighted in the Pacific."

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## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO "DAILY PRESS.")

## THE REBELLION IN KOREA.

SHANGHAI, 15th December.

## INTERVENTION OF CHINESE AND JAPANESE TROOPS.

The rebels surrounded the Korean King, but the Chinese and Japanese troops fought, and liberated His Majesty. The rebels have not dispersed, but still hold several positions.

## THE ARMSTRONG CRUISERS.

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## SAFETY OF FOREIGNERS IN KOREA.

A private telegram received in town yesterday states that the foreign community in Seoul, the capital of Korea, are safe. It is thought likely that Russia will interfere.

## FRANCE AND CHINA.

London, 15th December.

Monseigneur Ferry stated in the French Senate that the attitude taken up by the Chinese Government had defeated Lord Granville's efforts at mediation, and that the time has now arrived to close negotiations.

## POLICE COURT.

15th December.

## BEFORE MR. H. E. WOODHOUSE.

## DRUNK AND DISORDERLY.

Guilford Agostino, an Italian, pleaded guilty to a charge of having been drunk and disorderly in the street on Saturday, and he was fined 10s.

## SUSPECTED CASE OF LUNACY.

A. L. G. Pereira was charged with having assaulted A. J. Vieira on the 13th inst.

Mr. Vieira alleged that he had been living in the same house, and on Saturday he had just got home, and went into the dining room, where the defendant, who was there before him, commenced throwing the earthenware and glass upon the table, and the defendant was injured. He sustained a slight cut on the head. The defendant, he alleged, was insane.

The Portuguese Consul-General was in attendance, and asked his witness to remain in the case for a week in order to enable him to communicate with the Macao Government.

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Chai Yuen, accountant, was charged with having attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour on Sunday last.

The friends of the defendant came forward in support of his defence, and he was discharged.

## YOKOHAMA.

This port and the immediate neighbourhood was visited on the 7th inst. by several shocks of earthquakes, some just before four a.m., being rather smart. Slight vibrations continued during the day, but were not very strong. Between 2 p.m. and midnight, Japan Mail. Another of the tragedies which seem to frequent in occurrence at this small place is the death of a child. On the 7th inst. a child of the name of Yoda, who had been born on the 10th of the month, died at the age of about 10 years. The child was a very healthy and robust child, and was a great favourite of his parents. The cause of the death was not ascertained, but it is supposed to have been due to some internal ailment. The child was buried on the 10th inst. at the family grave.

## THE GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG IN JAPAN.

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From the Palace, the party drove to Kitan-Tsujin, the temple of the celebrated Sagami no Kuni no Mikoto, who was the ancestor of the Imperial House. The party then drove to the temple of the celebrated Sagami no Kuni no Mikoto, who was the ancestor of the Imperial House.

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## INDIAN NEWS.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT A RACE MATCH.

Captain Hish, 15th Bengal Cavalry, was killed accidentally yesterday (17th) at Rawal Pindi, whilst playing polo.

EXPLOSION OF THE ROYAL EXPEDITION. KHARAB, 14th December.

Sir Robert Sandeman and General Turner marched from Simla to Kharab yesterday, joining the troops under Colonel Simpson, 98th, and the whole brigade marched on to-day.

The Akbari chief, Mr. Khan, is in camp, and although some of the villages are deserted, it is expected that the chief, Mr. Khan, and his followers will come to Sir Robert's camp.

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## AFRICAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

QUETTA, 17th November.

The Afghan Boundary Commission arrived yesterday at Faghbar in the Andorra hills. The weather is very cold, but the Commission is expected to arrive at Faghbar tomorrow.

General Zeleny, the Russian Representative on the Afghan Boundary Commission, will not arrive at Faghbar until the end of December.

## AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. and O. steamer *Andromeda*, with dates from San Francisco to the 11th inst., arrived here yesterday morning. The following items are from our exchanges.

THE UNITED STATES. THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. SAN FRANCISCO, 15th November.

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## THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yangtze*, from Marseilles November 9th, via Hongkong, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The following telegrams are taken from Ceylon and Indian papers.

## THE BRITISH NAVY.

LONDON, 25th November.

Mr. Gladstone declined to communicate the report of the First Lord of the Admiralty, but it is generally believed that the recommendations have not been adopted because too onerous for England.

MR. GLADSTONE AND HIS OPPOSITION. LONDON, 25th November.

The daily *Telegraph* published a paragraph stating that Mr. Gladstone and Lord Salisbury have come to an agreement respecting the Bill for the Redistribution of Seats, and a compromise is effected.

## SELECTIONS OF LIBERALS.

LONDON, 27th November.

A vacancy having occurred in the representation of Greenwich by the resignation of Mr. J. A. Stewart, Mr. Thomas Sturt, of the Liberal candidate, has been elected by a large majority.

## LORD R. CHEVREUIL TO VISIT INDIA.

LONDON, 21st November.

Lord Randolph Churchill is going to India in December.

## ANOTHER FRENCH ACQUISITION.

LONDON, 21st November.

The French have occupied Tadpatri Bay, near Quilon.

## PROSPECTS OF PEACE IN EUROPE.

BERLIN, 20th November.

At the opening of the German Parliament, the Emperor said that the friendship of Austria, Germany, and Russia assured a lasting peace.

## EGYPTIAN FINANCE.

LONDON, 25th November.

It is reported that the Transvaal Commissioner in Bechuanaland, on hearing the British expedition coming to restore order, has hoisted the Union Jack in Montfort's territory, and promised to support the British.

## THE ADVANCE TO KHARTOUM.

CAIRO, 25th November.

The mounted infantry have left Dongola and gone southwards. The British are expected to arrive at Khartoum.

## CENTRAL ASIAN NEWS.

LONDON, 25th November.

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